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1. PRESS COVERAGE, BOTH ANGLOPHONE AND FRANCOPHONE, DURING AND SINCE TRUDEAU VISIT GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD, FRONT-PAGE CARRY-OVERS ALTHOUGH, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, LEADS TENDED TO PUT CANADIAN BEST FOOT FORWARD. EXAMPLE: ANGLOPHONE GAZETTE, WHICH TENDS TO BE WASPISH TOWARD THE U.S., DECEMBER 6 HEADLINES "PM STAYS TOUGH ON U.S. OIL SALES" AND LEAD PARAGRAPH READS "HUMAN RELATIONS AMONG LEADERS CAN COUNT FOR A LOT IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAS ESTABLISHED GOOD RAPPORT IN HIS FIRST MEETING WITH U.S. PRESIDENT GERALD FORD." MONTREAL STAR, IN BEFORE-VISIT ITEM, STRESSED "GET-ACQUAINTED" CHARACTER OF MEETING AND DOWN-PLAYED POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS. COMMENT: ARTICLE READ AS IF BASED ON GOVERNMENT HANDOUT.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN ANGLOPHONE PRESS LESS GENEROUS. GAZETTE TODAY DEPLORES LACK OF DISCUSSION OF FUNDAMENTAL REFORM IN FRAMEWORK OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND URGES BROADER USE OF IJC MECHANISM. MONTREAL STAR EQUALLY UNHAPPY THAT VISIT "HAS

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DONE LITTLE TO DISPEL THE TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

WHICH HAS BEEN BUILDING UP OVER TRADE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS." CARTOONS HAVE INCLUDED, IN STAR, PICTURE OF PRESIDENT AND SECSTATE APPROACHING DOOR OF US SENATE, SECSTATE CARRYING PAPERS LABELED "GET-TOUGH OIL POLICY REACTION" AND PRESIDENT WITH BRIEFCASE COVERED BY JAPAN, MOSCOW, KOREA LABELS, CAPTION BEING "CANADA, HENRY? YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHERE THAT ONE IS..." GAZETTE CARRIES, OVER CAPTION "THAT PRE-CHRISTMAS VISIT", A PICTURE OF TRUDEAU SITTING ON LAP OF PRESIDENT GARBED AS SANTA IN CHAIR LABELED U.S. ECONOMY, PM SAYING "ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO COME OUT HO* HO* HO* NOT OH* OH* OH*" ANOTHER SHOWS PRESIDENT AND TRUDEAU, FORMER WEARING "WIN" BUTTON AND LATTER BUTTON READING "WHEN", LOOKING AT CAR LABELLED U.S. ECONOMY, WITH PM SAYING "EVEN IN A FORD ADMINISTRATION I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE MET IN AN EDSEL."

3. FRANCOPHONE LE DEVOIR CARRIED EDITORIALS BY CLAUDE RYAN ON DECEMBER 4 AND DECEMBER 6. THE DECEMBER 4 PIECE ENTITLED "THE END OF SPECIAL RELATIONS?" STATES THAT MR. TRUDEAU WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE PM WHO HAS DONE THE MOST TO ASSERT CANADA'S OWN IDENTITY VIS-A-VIS THE U.S. RYAN SAYS SOME CANADIANS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PM DO WHAT HE CAN TO RELIEVE TENSIONS DURING WASHINGTON TRIP BUT THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR HIM TO POINT OUT TO U.S. THAT CANADA FOLLOWS VERY MODERATE NATIONALISTIC LINE INDEED AND THAT THE END OF SPECIAL RELATIONS WILL IN LONG RUN BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IN DECEMBER 6 EDITORIAL RYAN SAYS TRIP TO WASHINGTON WAS CARRIED OUT WITH "DIGNITY AND FIRMNESS."

4. IN NON-EDITORIAL ANALYSIS, THE LESS THAN ONE-YEAR-OLD SEPARATIST NEWSPAPER "LE JOUR" OF DECEMBER 5 STATES THAT WHILE THE NIXON POLICY OF NEGLECT HAS FORCED CANADA TO ADOPT "THIRD OPTION", NOTHING HAS REALLY CHANGED AND CANADA'S ECONOMY IS STILL DEPENDENT ON THAT OF U.S. "LE JOUR" STATES THAT PM'S PURPOSE IN GOING TO U.S. IS TO FIND OUT HOW U.S. PLANS TO CONTROL INFLATION. "LE JOUR'S" EDITION OF DECEMBER 6 CARRIES BANNER HEADLINE READING "TRUDEAU STANDS UP TO AMERICANS", IN EDITORIAL IN SAME EDITION, "LE JOUR" STATES THAT EVERY US/CANADA SUMMIT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. WHITE HOUSE AND TOP U.S. BUSINESS CIRCLES OFTEN REGARD CANADIAN NATIONALISM WITH SUSPICION. CANADA MUST CONTINUE TO ASSERT ITS INDEPENDENCE. THE U.S. RESPONSE WILL INDICATE WHETHER NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE POSSIBLE.

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DECEMBER 6 EDITION ALSO CARRIES A FRANCE PRESS STORY HEADLINED "TRUDEAU'S FIRMNESS IRRITATES WASHINGTON", WHICH STATES THAT FIRST CONTACTS BETWEEN PM AND PRESIDENT FORD DID LITTLE TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. OTHER ARTICLE BY CANADA PRESS REPORTS SENATOR MONDALE WARNED PM THAT CANADIAN OIL POLICY COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

5. IN LEAD ARTICLE ON DECEMBER 4 "LA PRESSE" STATES THAT PM'S VISIT WOULD BE LARGELY EXPLORATORY. THE PM WILL ESPECIALLY WANT TO GET THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON WHERE THE ECONOMY IS HEADED. NO CONFRONTATION IS EXPECTED, THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES BUT NO ONE DOUBTS THE OUTCOME IF ONE SHOULD TAKE PLACE "WHATEVER THE ZEAL DISPLAYED BY CANADIAN LOBBY IN WASHINGTON". IN PAGE ONE ARTICLE ON DECEMBER 5, "LA PRESSE" NOTED THAT U.S. PRESS SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN PM'S VISIT.

6. CTV EDITORIAL DECEMBER 5 SCATHING IN DENUNCIATION OF LIMITED TIME PRESIDENT GAVE TRUDEAU, WITH RHYTHMIC REPETITIVE "TWO HOURS TO DISCUSS 'X' " THE "X'S" COVERING EACH POSSIBLE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION, CLOSING WITH "TWO HOURS AND THEN THE PRESIDENT HAD TO LEAVE, NOT FOR SOME MOMENTOUS AFFAIR OF STATE, BUT TO MEET SOME NEW REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN. I SUPPOSE WE CAN BE GLAD HE DID NOT HAVE TO GO TO A FOOTBALL GAME." EDITORIALIST, BRUCE PHILLIPS, MADE NO MENTION OF WORKING DINNER OR INFORMAL CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS THEREAFTER.
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